



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ Sixth Sunday of Easter - 22 May 2022

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## Blessed are the Merciful

Dear friends, the coronavirus pandemic changed our lives very radically. We were told to stay indoors and not go out unless we really needed to. We were not allowed to hug others or even be closer than two metres in distance. Families were separated. We could not leave our homes freely. This makes me think of the current situation in Ukraine where the best way of keeping safe is to abandon your home and enter onto a journey which takes many people onto an unknown path to a foreign destination. War has forced millions of people to flee a place so dear to them that they are willing to die for it. A land with soil so rich that during the second world war it was exported by the Nazis and Soviets has now become the soil in which bodies of Ukrainian families lie. The atrocities the people of Ukraine have witnessed will be a wound that will require extremely delicate attention in order that it might begin to heal.

A few weeks ago, Fr Kevin visited the Ukrainian Cathedral and at the end of the Divine Liturgy gave a blessing in English. Most of the congregation do not have a good command of the English language and did not understand what Fr Kevin said. At the end a family came to me and asked me in Ukrainian who the priest was that gave the blessing at the end of the Divine Liturgy. I explained that Fr Kevin is a Roman Catholic priest at a nearby church. They said that they didn't understand what Father said but what mattered was that 'He came and prayed with us'. Sometimes when we seem helpless and feel that we cannot make a difference, even to come and stand with people that have had everything taken away from them will mean more than anything material which we can give. On behalf of all those that have recently arrived from Ukraine and also those in Ukraine who will feel the impact of your donations, thank you!

*Seminarian Bohdan*

## Mass Times

### Sunday

6:00pm (Saturday)  
9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 noon,  
6:00pm

### Weekdays

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:  
10:00am

### Ascension—Thursday:

10:00am and 7:30pm  
Friday & Saturday: 10:00am

### Rosary

After weekday Mass

### Exposition & Confessions

Saturday 10:30am—11:00am

### Confessions

Saturday 5:15pm—5:45pm

## Music for Sunday

*Missa Tertia octavia toni (Croce)*  
*In resurrectione tua (Byrd)*  
*Hoc enim bonum est (Guerrero)*  
242 Love Divine, all loves  
excelling  
55 My God I love thee  
98 Love of the Father, love of  
God the Son

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Acts 15:1-2, 22-29  
Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8, R. v 4  
Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23  
John 14:23-29

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**Annual Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians— Sunday 22 May.** This event unites the Roman Catholic Church in Europe with the Eastern Catholic Churches with participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of African and India in union with the Bishop of Rome. Nowadays, many Eastern Christians are oppressed and persecuted, and struggle to survive and to pass on our faith to their children, in their own lands where Christianity was born and first spread. Please keep them in your prayers. More information at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-of-prayer-for-eastern-christians/>.

**A Concert for Ukraine** At Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH on Thursday 26 May 2022 at 7:00pm. Tickets £50, see poster in the porch or [www.farmstreet.org.uk/events](http://www.farmstreet.org.uk/events).

**Ukrainian Appeal.** For information on how to make a donation please see our homepage at [www.olsjw.org.uk](http://www.olsjw.org.uk).

**Ascension of the Lord—Thursday 26 May 2022** is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am and 7:30pm.

**Our Lady’s Men’s Group** Next meeting on Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 7:30pm—10:00pm in the Presbytery. Please bring some food and drink to share. Contact [ourladysmensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:ourladysmensgroup@gmail.com).

**Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries—Volunteer required for our Parish** Each parish benefits from having a dedicated volunteer to take care of the Red Boxes. Local Secretaries look after the Red Box members in their parish, ensuring that boxes are emptied and organising the distribution of the free quarterly magazine, *Mission Today*. You won’t be on your own, volunteers have the full support of the Missio team who will support you at every stage and answer all queries. More information at <https://missio.org.uk>. If you are interested please speak with Fr Kevin.

**Modern Media.** Do follow our parish website [www.olsjw.org.uk](http://www.olsjw.org.uk) and Our Lady's RC Church, St John’s Wood *Facebook* page which are updated regularly. And please remember to wear a facemask inside the church and to sanitize your hands on entry and exit.

**Returning to Sunday Mass** The Bishops of England and Wales invite all Catholics to rejoice in the greatest privilege: the Sunday celebration of Mass. From Sunday 5 June 2022, the Feast of Pentecost, what is referred to as the Sunday Obligation will be restored. Obviously this does not apply to those who are ill or who have a serious reason. A copy of the Bishops’ statement is available at the back of the Church or see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>.

**Counting.** Our team of counters is so desperately short of members that they are having to do it every week and even then they are struggling to get the minimum number required by the auditors. Might you and a couple of friends be willing to give a few hours every few weeks to assist them, please? Full training will be given along with unlimited tea, coffee and cake. Without new volunteers both Fr Kevin and Fr Ben will have to do it together which means an entire morning or afternoon each week when no priest will be available. Many thanks for your generosity.

**Eucharistic Octave** At The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane in Covent Garden from 11—19 June 2022. This has been organised by several London parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord in the lead up to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Full details can be found at [www.catholiclondon.org](http://www.catholiclondon.org) or see poster in the porch.

**Offerings.** Standing orders are the easiest way to give regularly and can be set up via [www.olsjw.org.uk](http://www.olsjw.org.uk). To *GiftAid* using the *CollecTins* register your usual card on the machine or scan the QR code and register your card at home. You can still make Easter Offerings using the special envelopes provided. Bless you for your generosity.

Sunday	Upper Hall	After 9:00am Mass	Tea and Coffee
Monday	Upper & Lower Hall	10:00am-12:00 noon	English Class
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	Upper Hall	9:30am-11:30am	Parents & Toddlers
Tuesday	Upper Hall	1:00pm-4:30pm	Over 50’s